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TWO CENTS.

# BIG BOER VICTORY

# Staggering Blow Struck at Ladysmith.

# BRITISH SORTIE REPULSED

Two Regiments and a Battery Captured.

ENGLAND APPALLED AT DISASTER

Boer Losses Estimated at From

900 to 1,000.

FIGHTING AGAIN TODAY

CAPE TOWN, October 31, 12:10 p.m.-The South Africa News publishes the following

LADYSMITH, October 31.-A battle is proceeding at the foot of Umbanbane, a few miles from Ladysmith. Several shells have

LONDON, October 31.-The war office has received a dispatch from Gen. White, commanding the British forces at Ladysmith, reporting that the Royal Irish Fusiliers, No. 10 Mountain Battery and the Glouces tershire Regiment were surrounded in the hills by the Boers, and, after losing heav lly, were obliged to capitulate. Gen. White adds that the casualties have not yet been

The following is the text of Gen. White's

"LADYSMITH, October 30, 10:35 p.m. I have to report a disaster to the column sent by me to take a position on a hill to guard the left flank of the troops. In these operations today the Royal Irish Fusiliers, No. 10 Mounted Battery and the Gloncestershire Regiment were surrounded in the hills, and, after losing heavily, had to cupitulate. The casualties have not yet been

the Fusillers, employed as hospital orderly, came in under a flag of truce with a letter from the survivors of the column, who asked for assistance to bury the dead. I fear there is no doubt of the truth of the report.

"I formed a plan in the carrying out of which the disaster occurred, and I am alone responsible for the plan. There is no

blame whatever to the troops, as the position was untenable." List of Prisoner Officers.

Gen. White, in a subsequent dispatch

The following is a list of the officers taken prisoners today: Staff Mal. Adve. Irish Fusiliers-Col. Carleton, Maj. Munn,

Maj. Kincaid, Capt. Burrowes, Capt. Rice. soon after the engagement at Reifontein, Capt. Silver, Licut. Heard, Licut. Southey, Lieut. Phibbs, Lieut. McGregor, Lieut. Holmes, Lieut. Kelly, Lieut. Dooner, Lieut Kentish, Lieut, Kinahan, Lieut, Jeudwins Chaplain Matthews.

Of the above Capts, Rice and Silver and Lifeut. Dooner were wounded.

Gloucestershire Regiment-Major Humphreys, Major Capel-Cure, Major Wallace, Captain Duncan, Captain Conner, Lieut Bryant, Lieutenant Nisbet, Lieutenant Ing-Lieutenant Temple, Lieutenant Radice Lieutenant Breul, Lieutenant Hill, Lieuten ant Short, Lieutenant Smith, Lieutenant Mackenzie, Lieutenant Beasley, Lieutenant

Of the above captains, Duncan and Conner were wounded.

Royal Artillery-Major Bryant. Mounted battery: Lieutenant Wheeler, Lieutenant Nugent, Lieutenant Moore, Lieutenant Webb.

Boer Loss Was Also Heavy. A special dispatch from Ladysmith says the Boers suffered severely during the en-

gagement, some persons estimating their loss at 900 to 1,000 killed and wounded. Reports are current here that Gen. White may retire to Pietermaritzburg while the

railroad is intact. There is much divergence of opinion in military circles as to the advisability of such a step. It is learned by the Associated Press that the war office has ordered a second army

The military officials have not yet de cided whether the consummation of the plan will be necessary, but they are determined to have everything in readiness either for a demonstration in Europe of Great Britain's capabilities or for sending even a larger force to the scene of action. Until the receipt of the news of the Ladysmith disuster the latter course was considered out of the question. But now ther is no knowing what steps will be decided

The war office has sent the following dis-

"Three extra battallons of foot and on mountain battery, with reserves, will leave England during the course of ten days to make good the casualties."

### Blow Was a Surprise.

While minor reverses were not wholly unexpected, nothing like the staggering blow General Joubert delivered to General White's forces yesterday was anticipated. The full extent of the disaster is not yet acknowledged, if it is known at the war office. The loss in effective men must be annalling to a general who is practically surrounded. Two of the finest regiments and a mule battery deducted from the Ladysmith garrison weakens it about a fifth of its total strength and alters the whole situation very materially in favor of the Beers, who have again shown them selves stern fighters and military strategists of no mean order. The disaster cost the British from 1,500 to 2,000 men and six seven-pound screw guns, and, as the Boer artillery is already stronger than was im-



THE THEATER OF WAR.

great help to the Boers. Further news must be awaited before it is attempted to fix the blame where it belongs. General White manfully accepts all the responsibility for the disaster, which, apparently, was at least partially due to

he stampeding of the mules with the guns.

From the list it will be seen that forty-

wo officers were made prisoners, besides a newspaper correspondent, J. Hyde, The interest in the news was universal, ervading all classes and conditions of Lonion's populace. The newspaper extras were eagerly read in business houses, on the streets, and by women in their car-

Rush to the War Office.

Then there was a rush to the war office. which by noon was surrounded with prirate carriages and hansoms, while many of he humbler class of people came on foot, all waiting and watching for the names they held dear.

Never was the old saw, "Bad news travels quickly," better exemplified here than today. By noon gloom and bitter sorrow prevalled throughout the British metropolis. At the government offices no effort was nade to conceal the feeling of dismay pre-

ive of the Associated Press: "It is inexplicable, and I am sorry to say had regiments almost wiped out, but to It is terrible "

An official of the war office said to the epresentative of the Associated Press: "This disaster is most likely due to the raze of our young officers to distinguish themselves, obtain mention in the dispatches and earn the Victoria cross than to the fault of that splendid Indian veteran,

Gen. White, in spite of his avowal." As the day were on the crowd around the war office swelled to enormous proportions, and at Gloucester, the home of many of those engaged, the wildest excitement prevailed. The special editions of the local ewspapers were speedily exhausted and the same thing occurred at Bristol and other towns to that county. Coming so where the Gloucestershires suffered heavily, the news brought the keenest sorrow to households all over the county whose name

the regiment bears. The throngs of visitors at the war office remained all day. Anxious people fought their way to the notice board. Most affeeting scenes were witnessed. Many women were heard to gasp; "Thank God, he's alive at any rate," as they found the name of some beloved one on the list of ham. Lieutenant Davy, Lieutenant Knox, prisoners, The sidewalks were packed with

solld masses awaiting their turn to enter. Effect on Stock Exchange.

The disaster had an immediate effect on 2. South African securities dropped heavily, Rand mines falling 2 points. Rio Tin-

The afternoon papers made merely brief editorial comments on the news from Ladysmith, but their headlines voiced the feeleditorials can be summed up in the following statement of the St. James Gazette:

"It is evident that the patriotism and fortitude of the nation are to be tested in real carnest by these operations of ours in Natal against odds. General White had a difficult task set him and we must take the disaster with the dogged coolnwhich Britons know how to display. We shall await the final result without appre-

The Globe calls upon the British empire to receive this "bitter and unpalatable dis-patch with the spirit of a great nation that relies upon its invincible reserves of

While announcement today of the arrival of General Buller at Cape Town was re-elved by the British with unfeigned satit is pointed out the general cannot end the war without an army corps, have not even left England for

ose it have outh Africa. South Africa.

Dispatches from Cape Town show that
Gen. Buller's reception there was most enthusiastic. He was welcomed by Gen. Sir
Frederick Forestier-Walker, after which they both entered a carriage and drove to Government House, escorted by mounted police and mounted volunteers. They were wildly cheered by the throngs of people lining the route. There were cries of "Avenge Majpba," and wild cheers for the general. Gen. Buller's face was impassive as he returned military salutes for the

Boers Gathering at Dewdrop.

Other advices from Cape Town show that the Boers are gathering in considerable force at Dewdrop, southwest of Ladysmith, while large forces of Boers are advancing over the Helpmakaar road. A big camp of Boers is to be formed between Harrismith bridge and Potgiebere Farm camp, at Dewdrop, which, it is said, will extend four

An Englishman who has arrived at Alial North from Pretoria, whence he was expelled by way of Bloemfontein, says that when he left Pretoria all the stores there carrying on business as usual. Presdent Kruger was still there and he did not see any wounded at Johannesburg. Some of the Transvaal papers are still published nd contain glowing accounts of the successes of the Boer army, saying that Kim-berley and Mafeking are expected to fall at any moment, while Bechuanaland is con-

agined, the capture of these guns will be a great help to the Boers.

Further news must be awaited before it tous march south, capturing British pris-oners and stores. The papers admit that the battle of Elandslaagte was a reverse for the Boers, who lost thirty killed, had many wounded and that eighty-five Boers were made prisoners. Ladysmith, according to the Boer newspaper, is soon to be

RAILWAYS ....

Englishman added that the Boers are absolutely confident of their ultimate triumph and believe the whole of Natal is already practically in their hands.

TO MOBILIZE THE RESERVES. Lord Wolseley's Order Revives Talk

of European Intervention. LONDON, October 31.—The commander n-chief, Field Marshal Lord Wolseley, has Essex and Derbyshire regiments, who will

The preparations to call out the 2d Army Corps, taken in conjunction with the exgood reason to anticipate European hos tility. No reason to justify this latest reiteration of rumors of Russian, French or vailing. One official said to a representa- German intervention can be found, how-

It was learned on good authority that the that its moral effect is inestimable. We motive consists, to quote an official, "in have lost heavily in many wars and have | wanting to show the other fellows what we can do," and is on a line with calling out have regiments captured, and by the Boers; the militia, a purely precautionary measurements ure dictated by the necessity of bringing up the home military forces to its normal strength, or rather, to a strength propor-tionate with the necessities of a nation engaged in a foreign war. Still, it is doubtpends on two circumstances.

First, the attitude of Europe as evinced after a serious British reverse; second, upon the judgment of Gen. Buller, who, finding conditions not so favorable as expected demand more troops. It does not follow that the entire army corps, even if called out, will be sent to Gen, Buller. It is more probable that it will be kept home to supply the places of units sent home to supply the places of units sent out in consenance with Gen. Buller's wishes. Upon the present organization, the home forces are supposed to be capable of raising at short notice three army corps. Should the war office decide upon raising a second corps, it will necessitate the calling out of more reserves.

French Cable Goes Down NEW YORK, October 31.-The French Telegraphic Cables Company this morning

sent out the following notice: "The Eastern Cable Company notifies us that the Lorenzo Marques and Mozambique cable broke down early this morning, cutting off communication with South Africa by the east coast route. In the meantime, traffic is circulating by the west coast route, which is working well."

#### DISAPPOINTING TO BRITISH PUBLIC. the stock exchange here, where consols fell | London Comment on Gen. White's Re-

pulse at Ladysmith. LONDON, October 31.-Yesterday's engagement at Ladysmith, which, despite the heavy losses, must be regarded rather as an extended reconnaissance or skirmish than a battle, seems to make little change ing of general sorrow. The tone of the in the actual position. It is disappointing to the British public as again revealing tactical skill of an unexpectedly high order on the side of the Boers. In addition to the possession of a number of heavy guns, the transport of which causes wonderment here, they have available marvelous ability. Unless commanded by skillful European officers, it is hardly considered probable that Boer farmers would have assumed a feigned position, as they evidently did, in front of the right col-umn, with the intention of retreating from to their real line of defense and of in cing the British to attack over a fire

wept zone. The special dispatches describing the ensagement again fail to confirm Gen. White's official account that the Boers were pushed ack several miles. When it is considered that the censorship is very severe, the that the action was extremely inconclusive

Opened With Attack in Front.

The fighting began with a frontal attack on the main Beer position, which, however, was found evacuated. The enemy, having retired, now made a change of front, and developed a heavy attack on Col. Grimwood's brigade. To meet this, the British artillery, which had been shelling the evacuated position, also changed front Grimwood's brigade was promptly forced, but soon was obliged to fall back rapidly, with consequences which might have been serious had not 53d Field Bat tery pluckily covered the movement at con-siderable loss to itself.

It is quite certain that Gen. White failed to accomplish the object he intended, and the day's proceedings are an instructive example of the difficulty of operations when the enemy holds an extended position from which he is able to make sudden and un-expected developments and changes of

The omission of all details likely to give a true idea of the position from Gen. White's dispatch may be due to his reticence, but editing by war office officials is likely to be again severely commented upon. It is believed that the naval brigade which arrived Monday at Ladysmith consists of Powerful, with some of the Philomel's four-inch quick-firers, with a range of 10,000 yards, firing a forty-five-pound shell.

The battery that was lost is probably one

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# YOUNG PRESSING ON

Rains Make the Progress of His Army Difficult.

HE WILL OCCUPY TALAVERA TODAY

Death of Captain French From Shock of Amputation.

ORDERS FOR FORTY-NINTH

The War Department has received the following brief cable message from Gen. Otis in regard to the latest military operations in the Philippines "MANILA, October 30, 1899,

'Adjutant General, Washington; "Young's advance north and east Aba natuan; will occupy Talavera and probably Aliaga today; his objective San Jose and Carranglan; the wet season has rendered the roads in that section impracticable for wagon transportation and progress is diffi-

Gen. Otis' dispatch to the War Department is regarded as chiefly important in disclosing his objective points, far to the northeast of any points heretofore occupied by the United States forces and a long way beyond the insurgent capital at Tarlac. The objective, Carrangian, is some forty miles beyond Cabanataun, the recent halting place of Gen. Young's forces. In occupying Talavera and Aliaga, as reported by Gen. Otis, the Young column has come abreast of the insurgent capital, and about fifteen miles to the east of it. The move-ment to Aliaga shows that one branch has moved toward the capital, while the move-ment to Talavera indicates that the main is pushing northward beyond the cap to the ultimate objective of Carrang an. This move is gradually making the in-urgents' position at Tarlac untenable, and s confining the insurgent forces to the geninsula between the Gulf of Lingayen

Death of Capt. French. Acting Adjutant General Ward has re eived a cable message from Gen. Otis sayng that Capt. Charles French of the 36th unteer Infantry died at Manila at 11 clock this morning from shock conseuent upon the amputation of his leg below knee, which operation was necessitated a gunshot wound received in the battle

a ginshot would receive in the state of a reflorida-Blanco yesterday.

'apt. French was mustered in as first utenant, 1st Montana Volunteers, May 1808, and sailed with his regiment for 8, 1808, and sailed with his regiment for Manila, July 19, 1808, arriving there August 24. He served with his regiment until July 21, 1809, when he accepted the appointment as captain in the 26th United States Volunteer Infantry. He was wounded while with a detachment of his regiment reconnoitering toward Florida-Blanco, West duagua. He was a resident of Great Falls, Mont, where his father also resides. The adjutant general received a telegram from Gen. Miller at Manila this morning aying that William P. Chamberlin, the Maj. Guy Howard was killed, is doing . The information is forwarded in re-

Lient, Wholley Vindicated. First Lieut, John H. Wholley, 24th United States Infantry, who rendered such excellent service in the Philippines as colonel commanding the 1st Washington Volunteer Infantry, has been appointed major of the list Volunteer Infantry, and ordered to join that regiment for service in the Philippines. This action is regarded as a comministration in Luzon.

Banks at Manila.

Recent information received at the War Department from Manila is to the effect that there is a good prospect of the establishment of at least four American banks in Manila within a short time. Petitions have been prepared for presentation to Congress at the next session asking for charters for three different national banks. It is also said that J. P. Morgan & Co. of New York will establish a branch or agency there. The deputy collector of customs of Manila, Col. Colton, is mentioned in connection with the presidency of one of the

The 49th Ordered to Move.

The Secretary of War has directed that the 49th Volunteer Infantry (colored) be relieved from duty at Jefferson barracks, Missouri, and proceed, fully armed and equipped with 200 rounds of ammunition per man and proper tentage, by rail, on the 15th day of November to San Francisco, Cal., preparatory for embarkation for the The te egraphic order in reference to the

"Mounted officers may take their horses. Personal baggage should be limited clothing actually necessary for immediate field service. Prior to departure from sta-tion the regiment will be subjected to medical inspection and all sick and suspects left behind, and measures will be taken to in-sure a satisfactory sanitary condition of railroad cars before the troops are embarked therein.

"Timely measures will be published by regimental commanders for the information of all concerned that will insure proper police and discipline at all times by ing post, barrack, march and camp rules and regulations on this subject to new conditions obtaining in land and water tran

"Quartermaster's department will provide necessary transportation, subsistence department suitable rations and the medical department proper medical attendance

On the Way to Manila. The Nashville has arrived at Gibraltar or the way to Manila. The Marietta, also bound for Manila, has arrived at Ponta

Army Orders.

By direction of the President, Capts Samuel S. Houston and Stephen O. Smith of the 47th Volunteer Infantry and First Lieut. W. B. Strong, 38d Infantry, having tendered their resignations, have been honorably discharged the service of the United States. Capt. O. F. Guthrie, 44th Infantry, hav-

ing been found by a board of officers physically unfit to perform the duties of his rank, has been honorably discharged. Capt. Q. M. Gillmore, upon his own appli-cation, has been detailed as professor of military science and tactics at Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J.

College, New Brunswick, N. J.

Lieut. L. M. Hamilton, recently appointed, and assigned to the 14th Infantry, has been ordered to accompany the 43d Infantry to the Philippines, where he will join his own regiment. his own regiment. Vacant Command at Havana.

The Navy Department is looking for a new commandant of the Havana naval sta-Rear Admiral Cromwell, who has held that place since the American occupation began, was recently relieved at his own request, and is now on his way home, Captain Dyer, who commanded the Balti-more during the battle of Mandia bay, and who has since been on waiting orders in this country, was selected to succeed Ad-miral Cromwell. He has now asked to be things cromwell. He has now asked to be excused from the assignment, and, as his request is based on ill health, his wish will be acceded to.



A HALLOWEEN IDYL.

Auntie Atkinson sees the picture of her own true Filipino love over her left shoulder.

### THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP

He Left This Morning to Witness the Launching of the Shubrick.

Members of His Cabinet and Other Distinguished People in

President McKinley and the members of he party invited to go to Richmond to attend the ceremonles incident to the launching of the torpedo boat Shubrick left here at a few minutes after 8 o'clock this morning over the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad. A splendid special train had been arranged. It consisted of a day ing car, parlor car and the handsome new car Olympia, named in honor of Dewey's flagship, in the order named. The Olympia is said to be the finest car ever turned out by the Pullman company. This is the first trip it has made. It is seventy feet long, has five private rooms and one sofa section. The dining and observation room is sixteen feet long, has an extension and contains two cabinets. It is finished The private rooms are fin mahogany and koko, and

the kitchen in English oak the kitchen in English oak.

Mrs. McKinley did not go, on account o
the inclement weather. She desired very much to see Richmond, but as the sed to be stormy there she did not

are to take the risk. The train was in charge of Engineer May Conductor Mohler and Pullman Conductor Stone. Breakfast was taken on the train this morning, and dinner will be eaten

President, the party consisted of Secretary Hay, Secretary and Mrs. Gage Secretary Root, Secretary Long, Secretary and Mrs. Hitchcock and two daughters, Secretary Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, Secretary to the President Porter and Mrs. Por Assistant Secretary George B. Cortel you, Mr. Foster (stenographer), Gen. and Mrs. Fitzhugh Lee. Accompanying the official party were Mr. Charles A. Moore of Brooklyn and Mr. Hen. M. Scott of San

#### REACHED RICHMOND IN THE RAIN. President and His Party Received at Virginia Capital.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. RICHMOND, Va., October 31.-The Pres ident and his party, consisting of Secre taries Root, Gage, Long, Hay, Hitchcock Naval Constructor Hichborn and about 150 invited guests, reached lifere this morning at 11:30 o'clock in the midst of a driving rain. The train stopped for a short time at Fredericksburg and Ashland, where speeches were made by the President, Secetary Long and Gen. Fitzhugh Lee.

The chief magistrate was received here by large delegation of leading citizens, and the mayor made an address of welcome to which the President responded briefly. The party was then driven to the Jefferson where lunch was served. The trades parade that the President was expected review was abandoned on account of the rain.

WANT TO FIGHT THE BOERS.

whelmed by Applicants.

CHICAGO, October 31.-The British con sul in this city, W. Wyndham, has addressed a communication to the Times-Herald saying that the number of applicants who wish to serve in the British army is so great that he is unable personally to answer them and for the informa tion of those still in ignorance of the fact

he states that no volunteers have been He also denies a Minneapolis report that he advised two men who wished to enlist to go to Canada to join the Canadian regiment, which is now full

TWO UNKNOWN SUICIDES. Found Dead in a Canal Street Hotel

in Chicago. CHICAGO, October 31.-What seems to be in the opinion of the police, a case of deliberate suicide and successful concealment of identity was disclosed last night, when the bodies of two men were discovered in a room in a hotel on South Canal street. They had been asphyxiated. The gas jet was found turned on full head in the room and the bodies lay side by side on the bed fully dressed. The bodies were the bed fully dressed. The bodies were taken to the morgue. They presented the

Minister Powell Here. United States Minister Powell who is about to return to his nost at Halti, called

appearance of laborers.

CAPT. LUDLOW RETIRES. He Will Take the Title of Rear Ad-

miral and Will Live Here. Capt. Nicoll Ludlow has been retired with

he rank of rear admiral in the navy. This s on his own application under the section of the statutes permitting such retirement after thirty years' service, and under the terms of the personnel bill conferring one grade in rank in case of such retirement Capt. Ludlow is the son-in-law of Mrs. Washington McLean and brother-in-law of Mrs. Hazen, having married Mrs. Bugher, her sister, a little over a year ago. He is also a brother to Gen. Ludlow, mil-itary governor of Havana. Capt. Ludlow entered the naval service from New York in 1859, and has a creditable record for the war of the rebellion, as well as for the Spanish-American war, during the latter commanding one of the big monitors and afterward commanding the battle ship Masseches. sachusetts. At present he is on waiting orders in this city, which he will make his

### FIRE AT SING SING PRISON.

Administration Building Partially Destroyed This Morning-Loss \$50,000. NEW YORK, October 31.-The new adninistration building at Sing Sing prison, built by convict labor under Warden Sage and considered to have been one of the handsomest structures of the kind in the country, was half destroyed by fire before dawn this morning. Loss, about \$50,000; uninsured.

The fire started at 2:30 a.m. in the bakery and kitchen. The bakery is close to the administration building, a brick structure 600 feet long and four stories high. The first floor is used as a mess room. The second floor was principally used for a Protestant and Roman Catholic chapel. The top floor was the prison hospital. Twenty he fire broke out. They were all quickly building and temporarily provided for there The fire obtained headway in the ad inistration building before the fire ap paratus of Sing Sing and nearby town uld be brought into action, and was only brought under control after a hard four The roof of the administration building The cause of the fire is unexplained.

### KANSAS NEGRO LYNCHED.

He Was Accused of Killing Bartender WEIR CITY, Kan., October 31 .- Gus Mc-

Ardle, a bartender, was shot and killed last night, and in less than two hours his supposed murderer, George Wells, a negro miner from Scammon, was swinging to a telephone pole, the victim of a mob, which had forcibly taken him from jail.

Earlier in the evening McArdle and Wells had some words in the saloon, after which the negro left. Shortly afterward a short was fired from across the street, the bullet killing McArdle. Wells was arrested on suspicion and lodged in jail. A determined mob formed quickly and marched to the fall. Securing Wells without much trouble, they dragged the frightened negro from the building and strung him up to the nearest telephone pole. Before the rope was placed about his neck Wells admitted he was with the man who shot McArdle, but denied that he had done the shooting.

CONSUL AT KINGSTON.

British Consul in Chicago Over-Ethelbert Watts to Succeed Mr. Dent in Jamaica. Ethelbert Watts of Philadelphia, Pa., ha

> been selected for the post of United States consul at Kingston, Jamaica, to succeed Louis A. Dent, register of wills of the District. Mr. Watts is at present United States

deputy consul general and vice consul general at Cairo, Egypt. He was appointed to the consular service originally in 1896, taking a post at Horgen, Switzerland, and being transferred from that post in the following year to Calro.

### OVER THREE MILLIONS SURPLUS.

Statement of the Treasury Depart-

ment for the Month. The statement of the Treasury Department today shows that during the thirtyone days of this month the total receipts have been \$47,533,588, and the expenditures \$44,012,000, leaving a surplus for the month of \$3,521,588. The receipts were as follows: Customs, \$18,807,809; internal revenue, \$26,

The total receipts for the same month last year were \$39,630,051, and expenditures for the same month, \$53,908,000. For the four months of the present fiscal year the receipts have been \$190,900,164, and expenditures \$183,674,774. For the same period last year the total receipts were \$165,037,937. showing the \$165,037,937, showing the wonderful crease in revenues this year over last. Government receipts from internal revenue today were \$358,300; customs, \$575,975; at the State Department this morning to miscellaneous, \$114,953; expenditures, \$1, confer with Acting Secretary Hill.

455.453; miscellaneous, \$2,270,325.

# MR. HOBART BETTER

The Fortune Bringer.

Frequent and constant

advertising brought me all I own.-A. T. Stewart.

His Physician, However, Holds Out. Little Hope for Him.

### END MAY COME ANY MOMENT

He Took Some Nourishment and Sat Up Awhile Today.

HEART IS VERY WEAK

NEW YORK, October 31.-Vice President Hobart, in the opinion of his physician, is not likely to die today, and may survive for several days. Mr. Hobart at 8 o'clock this morning was still asleep and resting quietly in a natural slumber not induced by drugs. Dr. William Newton, the family physician, spent the greater part of the night in a room adjoining the patient's. While Dr. Newton would not give out a detailed statement as to his patient's condition he said that Mr. Hobart's neryous system was wrecked as a result of overwork, and that his heart had suffered in the general breakdown.

At 1 o'clock this morning one of the servants hurriedly summoned Dr. Newton. All the windows in the house were flluminated. and figures could be seen running from room to room. Subsequently, Dr. Newton responding to a ring at the doorbell stated that while Mr. Hobart was asleep his pulse had become so weak that the nurses had become frightened and sent for the doc-tor. Later the pulse of the patient became stronger and fears were relieved for the

sitting posture. While he seemed to under-stand what was said and done near him and appeared to desire to speak no sound passed his lips. Later Mr. Hobart was helped to a reclining position and dropped into an easy siumber.

Little Hope of Recovery.

Frederick Evans, the Vice President's private secretary, said at 10 o'clock that Dr. Newton had authorized the statement o be made that Mr. Hobart was easier than he had been duting the night; that there was an improvement in his pulse, and that he was as strong as he was at the same hour yesterday Dr. Newton could not offer any hope, however, and said Mr. Hobart may not live the day out and he

may live a week.

Dr. Newton, at Paterson, at 11 o'clock issued the following builetin:

"The Vice President awake at 9 o'clock feeling much refreshed, and he has remained very comfortable ever since. His pulse is very good, and he has taken considerable nourishment. He is sitting up at 11 o'clock and his condition is good. (Signed) "W. K. NEWTON." At I p.m. Mr. Hobart was still resting juictly. No change for the worse is an-

Hobart awoke at 9 o'clock, refreshed the papers, showing as- much what was going on about him as when well. The doctor said that he was im-proving, although in a weak and critical

Sorrow at the White House.

Owing to the cordial relations between President McKinley and Vice President Hobart, great sorrow is felt at the White House at the news of the serious Illness of the Vice President. The Washington home of the Vice President is within a stone's throw of the White House, and the Prestdent and Vice President frequently ex-

changed visits. After the return of Mr. Hobart from Thomasville, and while he was confined to his home, President McKinley went to see him often. He also frequently sent flowers, The night the Vice President and his family left their home here for the seaside the President went to the house and re-mained with the Vice President until the carriages containing the party had left for the depot. Mr. Hobart's condition has been known among his intimate friends for a

# SEMINARY BUILDING BURNS.

Heavy Loss for Newark, N. J., Metho-

dist Conference. HACKETTSTOWN, N. J., October 31 .-The Hacketistown seminary building.owned by the Newark conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was completely destroyed by fire early this morning, entailing a loss of about \$300,000, on which there is

only about \$150,000 insurance. The structure was of brick, 250 feet long, 100 feet in width and six stories in height. It was located in the outskirts of the town. Two hundred students, half of them females, occupied rooms in the building. All escaped uninjured, but not more than a quarter of them were able to save their

clothing and other belongings. The janitor, who had returned to the tasement of the seminary about 12:30 o'clock this morning from a tour of inspection that had occupied nearly an hour his time, found the lower portion of the structure filled with smoke. When he to be in flames. An alarm was sounded and the work of getting the inmates out was commenced. The firemen succeeded was commenced. The firemen succeeded in saving the two gymnasium buildings

HEAVY STORM ABOUT NORFOLK. Sea-Going Vessels Overdue - Rough Weather in Chesapeake.

located near the main structure.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. NORFOLK, Va., October 3L-The storm which raged in this city and along the Virginia and North Carolina coast last night was one of the most destructive even of this year of storms. The tides today were almost unprecedentedly high, entire blocks being submerged from six inches to threa feet on all the low-lying streets. Incoming steamers and steamships were all delayed. The Boston and New York ships have not yet arrived, but no fears are felt for their The Washington and Baltimore boats have arrived after rough experiences in Chesapeake bay. All wires are down with one exception. The coast is cut off from communication temporarily, and it is feared that when it is restored many stories of shipwreck will be learned.

### MONTREAL HOTEL BURNS.

Several Persons Supposed to Have Perished in the Fire. MONTREAL, October 31.-The Webster House, at the corner of St. James and Cathedral streets, was burned this morning. Several persons are supposed to have been burned or suffocated. Three bours have been recovered, one of which was identified as that of a scrub woman.

Director of Universal Postal Union. BERNE, Switzerland, October 31 .- The federal council has elected Eugene Ruffy to be director of the bureau of the Universal Postal Union.